

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The magnetic disk device records a write-once pattern in the write-once clock area 72 of the phasing area 70 by the recording head 19 as shown in FIG. 5A, reproduces the write-once clock pattern and a transfer clock pattern by the reproducing head 11, detects a phase difference ($\Delta\phi_2$ in FIG. 5A) between respective clocks obtained by reproduction, corrects the phase of the recording head 19 (sets the delay time) and stores a phase difference (delay time) which realizes a state where no phase difference exists as shown in FIG. 5B, i.e., a state where synchronization is accomplished. Next, the magnetic disk device reproduces the servo information pattern using a phase of the reproducing head corrected on the basis of the stored phase difference while the magnetic disk device reproduces the preformat information patterns excluding the servo information pattern using a phase of the reproducing head 11 which is not corrected. In this manner, reproduction provides servo information as fine patterns (high track density) substantially having no phase difference, and thereby the magnetic ~~diek~~disk device can obtain accurate servo information.